

41. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim 38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of:  
storing the keyword as a character string indicating a name of a user; and  
informing about the appearance of the character string by voice when the stored character string appears in conversations displayed in the display screen.

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42. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim 38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of;  
when the stored keyword appears, storing a character string of a statement of a predetermined number of lines including the keyword; and  
listing the statement of the predetermined number of lines including the keyword.

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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed.

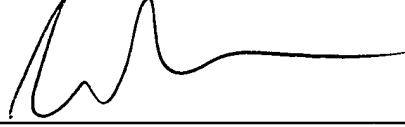
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the following claims:

37. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim [33]36, wherein the processor is further capable of storing the URL included in the displayed conversations together with statements of a predetermined number of lines preceding and following the URL, and when a predetermined instruction is issued, a selected URL is listed together with the statement.

39. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim [35]38, wherein the keyword is a character string indicating a name of a terminal user.

40. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim [35]38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of:  
storing the keyword as a character string indicating a name of a user; and  
displaying an emphasized character string when the stored character string appears in the conversations displayed in the display screen.

41. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim [35]38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of:  
storing the keyword as a character string indicating a name of a user; and  
informing about the appearance of the character string by voice when the stored character string appears in conversations displayed in the display screen.

42. (ONCE AMENDED) The terminal device used in a chat system as set forth in claim [35]38, wherein the processor is further capable of performing the following operations of;  
when the stored keyword appears, storing a character string of a statement of a predetermined number of lines including the keyword; and  
listing the statement of the predetermined number of lines including the keyword.